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SUBJ: PRINCE SAUD ON OIL WEAPON

1. ACCORDING TO SAUDI NEWS AGENCY, U.S. NEWSCASTERS AND WIRE SERVICES HAVE RUN ARTICLES REPORTING PRINCE SAUD'S RECENT REMARKS ON U.S. TELEVISION AS HINTING AT POSSIBLE SAUDI USE OF THE OIL WEAPON TO INFLUENCE THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. DENIAL HAS BEEN ISSUED HERE, AND CARRIED PROMINENTLY ON PRESS, T.V. AND RADIO, WHICH READS IN ITS KEY PART AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: " HIS EXCELLENCY ACTUALLY SAID THAT THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABI
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BELIEVES THAT OIL CONSTITUTES AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIES, AND THAT SAUDI ARABIA'S USE OF OIL IS BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA WILL NOT USE OIL AS A WEAPON." END QUOTE.

3. DENIAL CONFORMS TO SAG'S STATED POLICY, AS EXPRESSED BY
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CROWN PRINCE, THAT OIL WEAPON IS NOT BE USED AS INSTRUMENT OF PRESSURE IN CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. THIS SEEMS TO BE DIFFERENTIATED IN SAG EYES FROM LONGER-TERM EFFORT, AS EXPRESSED BY YAMANI, TO PROMOTE PEACE SETTLEMENT THROUGH PLACING POLITICAL CONDITIONS ON EXPANSION OF OIL PRODUCTION IN FUTURE. SPEEDLY SAG REACTION TIME (AND DEGREE OF EMPHASIS) IN THIS CASE SHOWS HIGH DEGREE OF SAUDI SENSITIVITY TO THIS ISSUE IN THE CONTEXT OF ITS RELATIONS WITH

UNITED STATES AS WELL AS WITH OTHER OIL EXPORTING STATES.
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